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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS OF YOUNG PRESIDENTS ORGANIZATION INC. (YPO)

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION HAVE INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT RICHARD H. JAROSS, YPO STAFFER, AND R.C. AURIEMA WILL BE TRAVELLING IN EUROPE DURING PERIOD MARCH 26 TO APRIL 10 AND WILL BE IN EAST BERLIN APRIL 6-9. PURPOSE OF TRAVEL WILL BE TO ARRANGE TRIP BY 40 YPO MEMBERS (INCLUDING WIVES) MAY 18-JUNE 1 TO SOVIET UNION, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND GDR. CURRENT ITINERARY CALLS FOR BERLIN AND GDR VISIT MAY 28 AND 29. GROUP HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO STAY IN WEST OR EAST BERLIN.

2. JAROSS AND AURIEMA CALLED AT GDR EMBASSY MARCH 5 WITH OBJECTIVE OF SETTING UP MEETINGS IN EAST BERLIN TO ARRANGE FOR TOUR BY YPO GROUP OF GDR FARM, FACTORY AND BRIEFING SESSIONS ON GDR PLANNING, ECONOMY ETC. RESULTS OF EMBASSY MEETING NOT YET CLEAR.

3. WHILE PURPOSE OF YPO TRIP WILL BE TO VISIT GDR AND EAST BERLIN, AURIEMA AND JAROSS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN USCOB-MISSION BRIEFING, WHICH THEY SAID HAD BEEN ARRANGED.
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4. DEPARTMENT OFFICER AGREED TO INFORM POSTS OF TRIP AND SUGGESTED THAT AURIEMA AND JAROSS TOUCH BASE WITH MISSION AND EMBASSY. POSTS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATE. YPO IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN AND DYNAMIC NATURE OF GROUP MAY PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH ENTREE TO NEW SEGMENTS OF GDR OFFICIALDOM. INGERSOLL

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